

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7018 of the First Extraordinary Session

By White

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Team Smyrna on winning the 2019 High School National Bowling Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, Team Smyrna achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2018-2019 season, winning the coveted 2019 High School National Bowling Championship; this team was comprised from the current 2018-19 State Championship bowling team; and

WHEREAS, national championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; Team Smyrna exhibited each of these rare qualities during its championship season; and

WHEREAS, in addition to becoming the first bowling team from the State of Tennessee to win a national championship, Team Smyrna is the first co-ed team to achieve this feat, and the team bested all competitors with the highest series score of 1236; and

WHEREAS, the bowlers of Team Smyrna epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved the highest level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; they inspired the school's student body and united the community during their triumphant run during their 2018-19 championship season; and

WHEREAS, displaying outstanding sportsmanship throughout the season, the members of Team Smyrna are Josh Meeke, who ranks seventh in the nation; Xavier Powell-Short, who ranks 137th in the nation; Tim Smith, who ranks seventy-second in the nation; Aaron Roe;

Elizabeth Coutta, who ranks sixth in the nation and is the only female on the team; James Boone; Zack Taylor; and Blake Davis; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their talents on the bowling lanes, Josh Meeke, the current individual State Champion, received a bowling scholarship from Lincoln Memorial University, and Xavier Powell-Short, the State runner-up, received a bowling scholarship from Martin Methodist University; and

WHEREAS, Team Smyrna enjoyed the dedicated leadership of Coaches Kelly Marlin and Sonya Powell-Mclean and the boisterous encouragement and support of family members, friends, and fans; and

WHEREAS, this State takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both in their sport and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the members and coaches of Team Smyrna on completing a remarkable season and winning the 2019 High School National Bowling Championship. We extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.